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Sharing the Landscape



North American Prairie Grouse Icons of the Great Plains



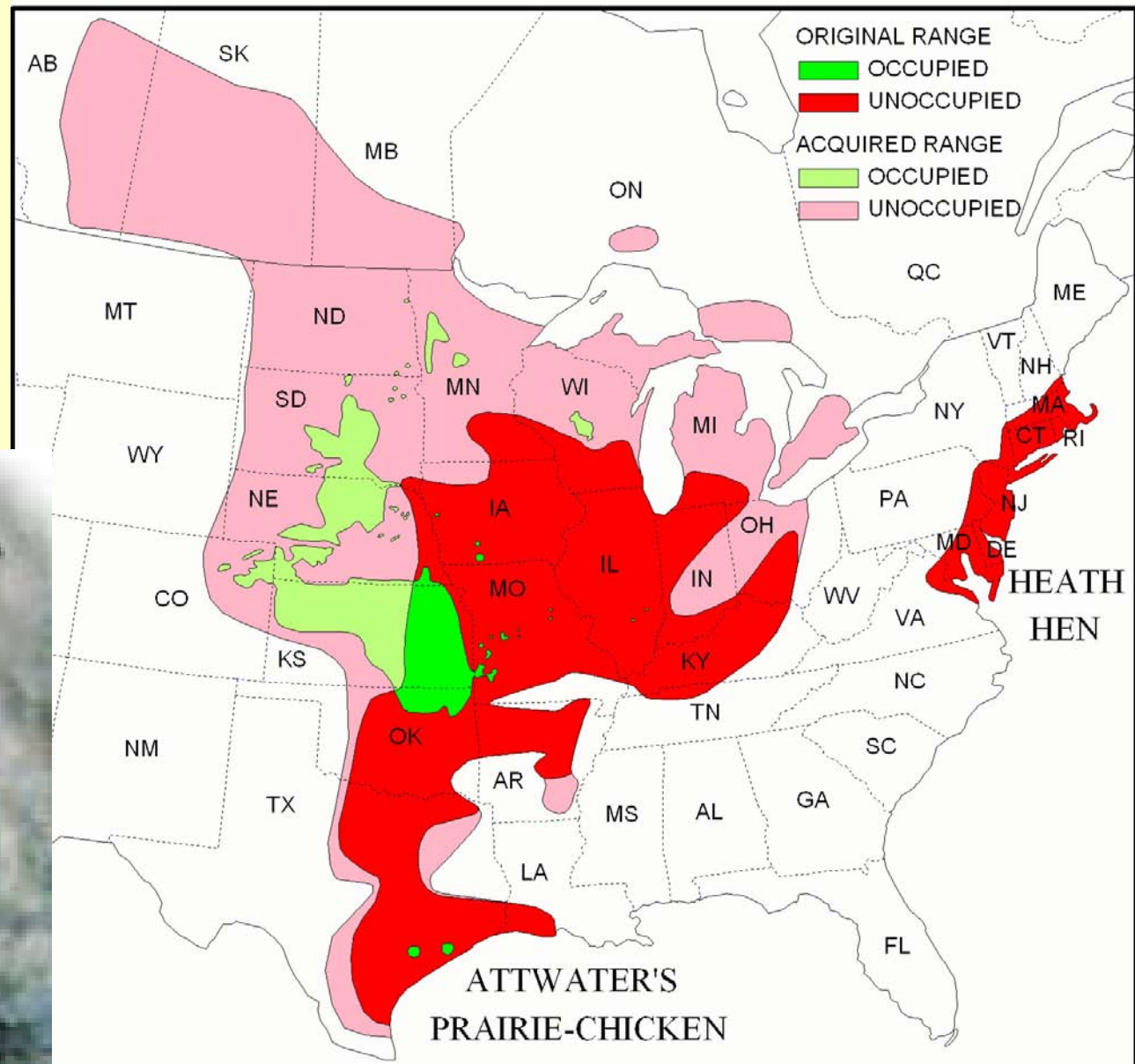
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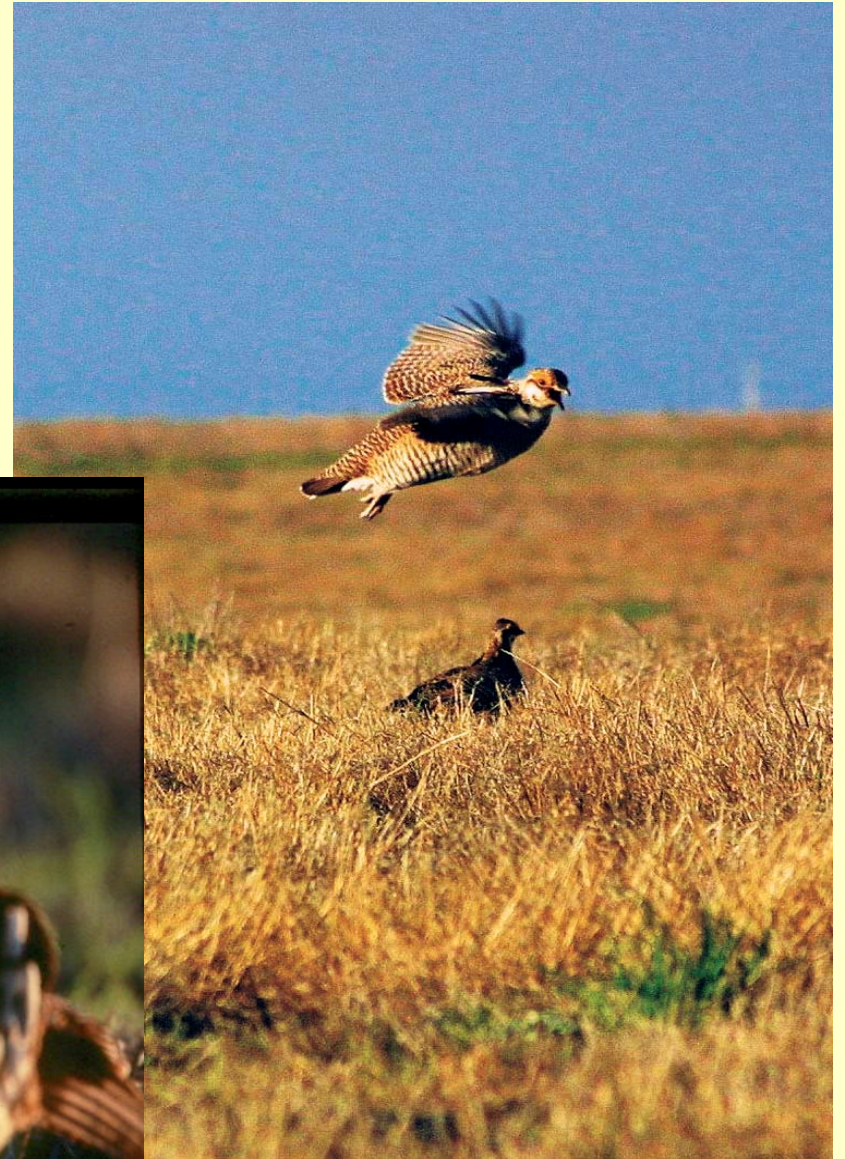
Greater Prairie Chicken



GREATER PRAIRIE-CHICKEN

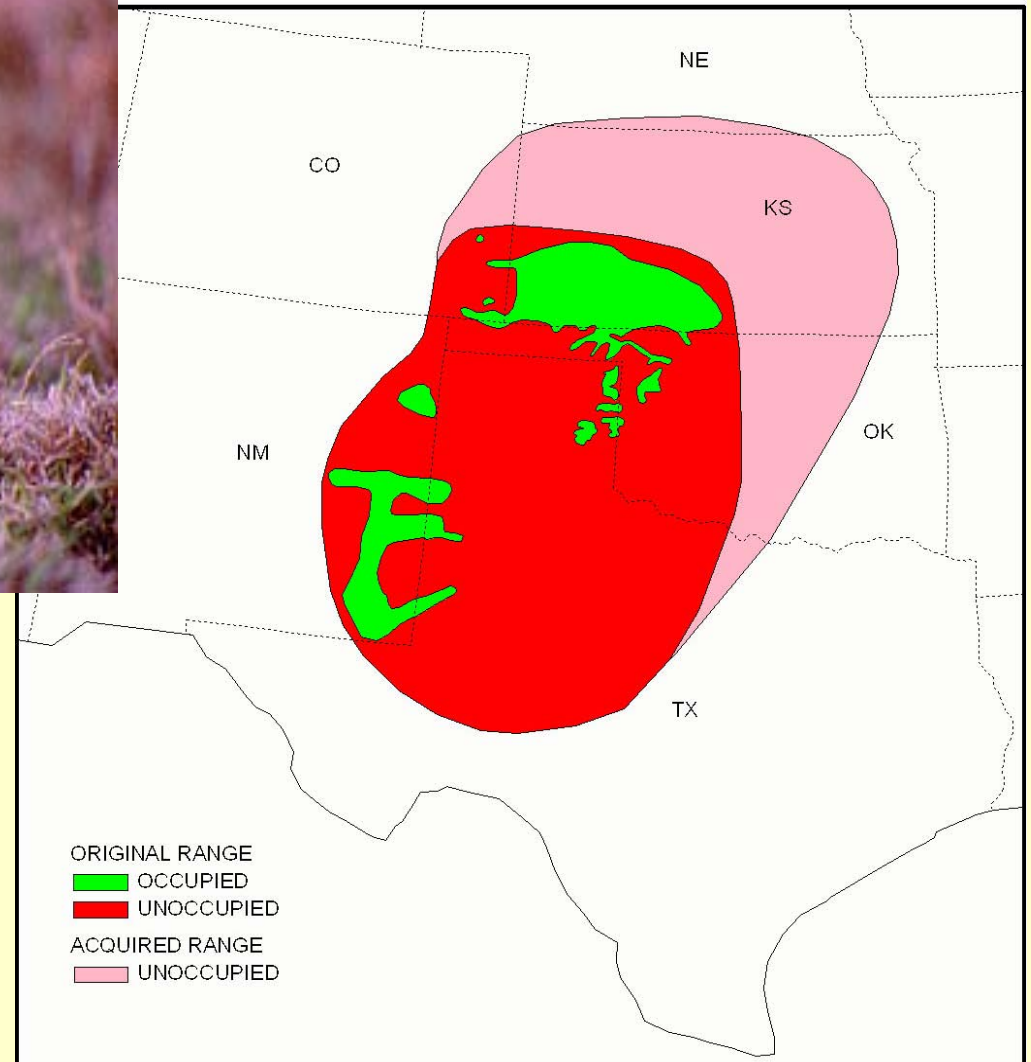


Lesser Prairie-Chickens Sparring on Gobbling Grounds





LESSER PRAIRIE-CHICKEN



Sharp-tailed Grouse





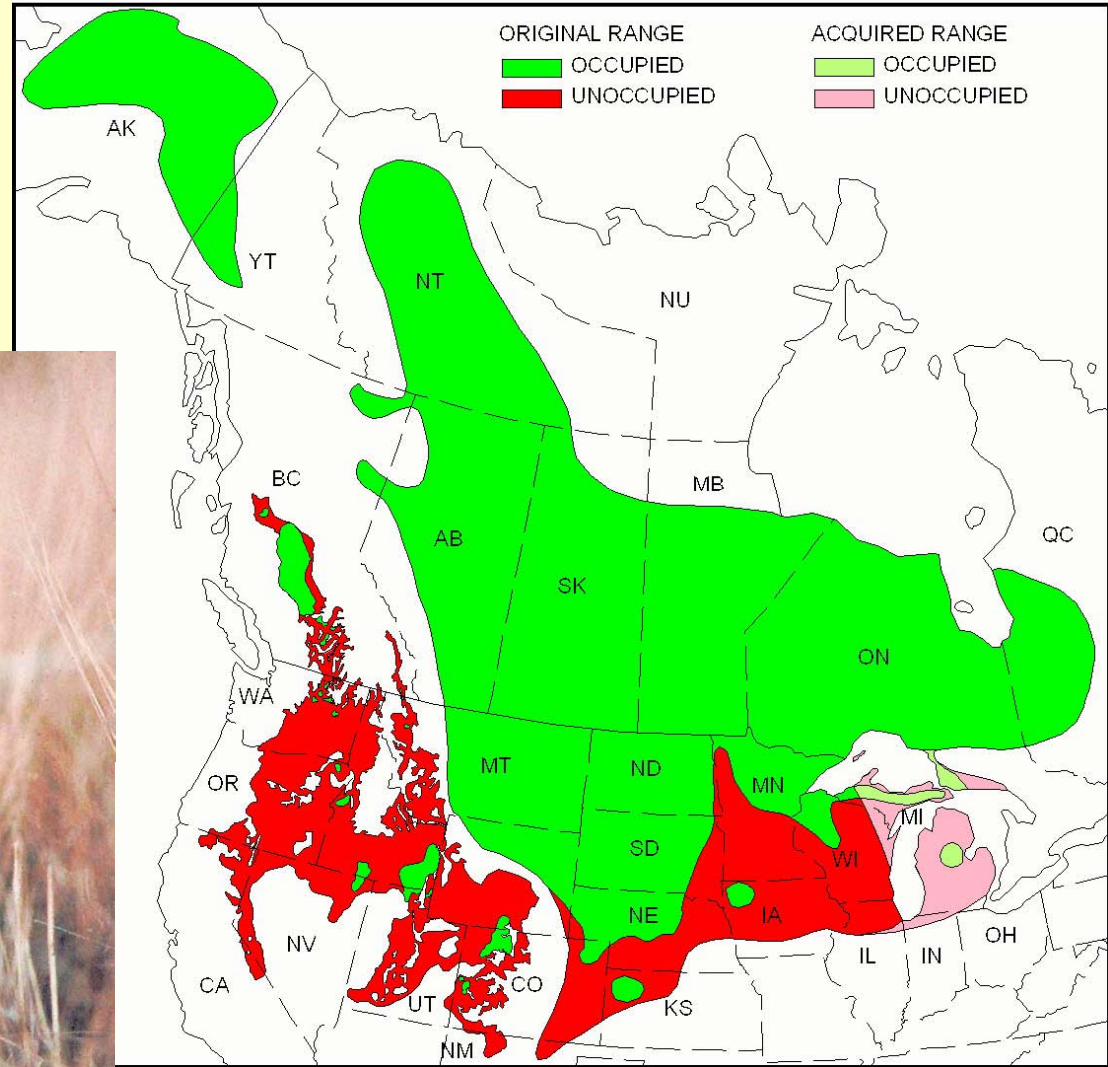
**Sharp-tailed Grouse
Dancing Ground
beside Highway**



Columbian Sharp-tailed Grouse

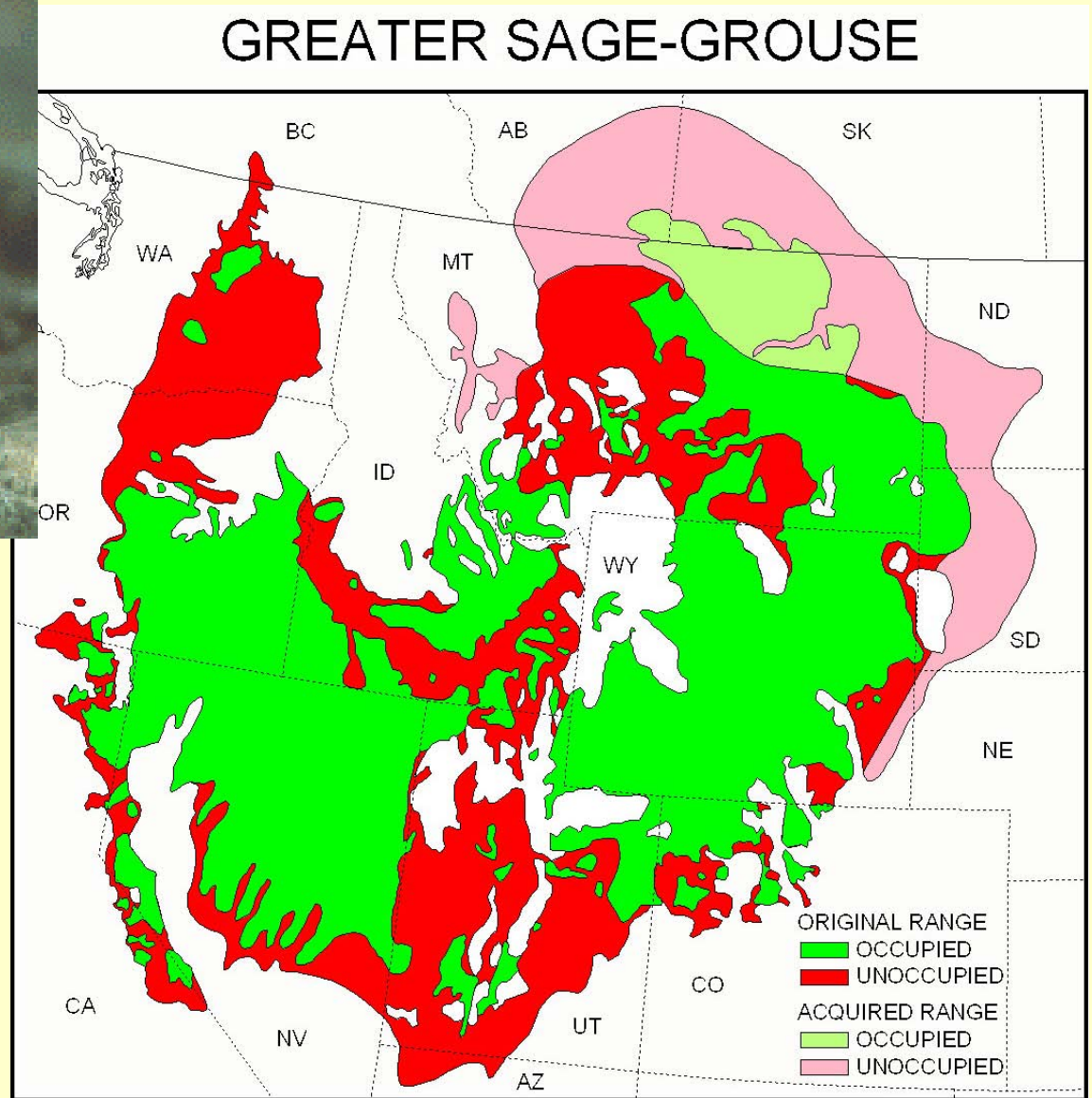


SHARP-TAILED GROUSE

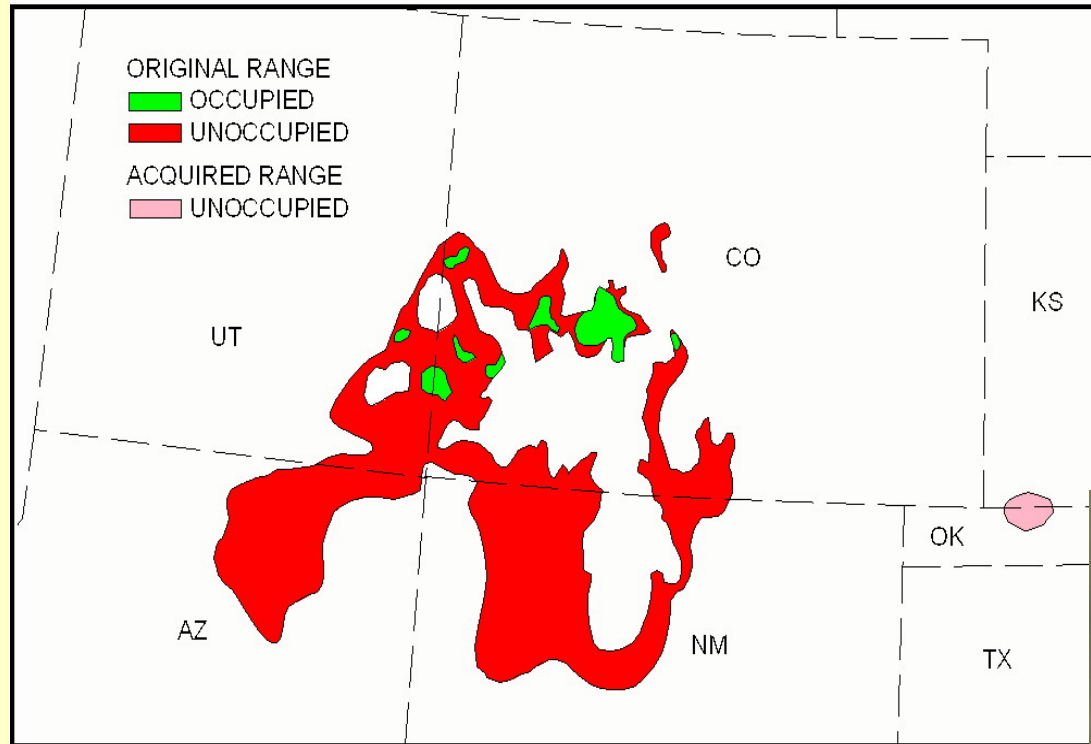


Greater Sage-Grouse





GUNNISON SAGE-GROUSE



**Modern
replacements for
Bison have
degraded habitat
for grouse**



**Fire in the Tallgrass
Prairies is a natural
phenomenon..**



**..Improperly used it
can destroy grouse
habitat**

Add invasive species..



**Eastern Red Cedar-
GPCH/LCPH**

Chinese Tallow-APCH



**And farming activities
that completely absorb
all grouse habitat...**



**However, Farm Conservation Programs can provide
good nesting and loafing cover for grouse ...**



**...if overgrazing does
not follow**

**...and they can provide food and cover
for grouse**



Fragmentation disconnects populations



Subdivisions cause permanent habitat loss – this one was built on top of a booming ground



Poles, Towers, Lines, and Guy Wires Are Deadly to Grouse



Pads, Pumps & Roads....cause other indirect impacts



..and now, expanding wind farm development brings additional challenges



**How can we assure
there will always be a
harvestable surplus?**



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is to promote the conservation of grouse and
the habitat necessary for their survival
and reproduction.*